

GORDON



PRIMARY SCHOOL

"OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE"

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

In these uncertain times, resilience is more crucial than ever for our children. At Gordon PS we're committed to fostering resilience in our students. Through a supportive environment, we teach valuable skills to bounce back from setbacks, embrace change, and learn from experiences. Together, let's empower our children to face challenges with courage and determination. By instilling resilience, we equip them with the tools they need to navigate life's ups and downs confidently. Thank you for your partnership in nurturing resilient young individuals.

NETBALL UPDATE: As we eagerly anticipate the outcome of the ongoing netball grand final, it is with great pride that we acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our netballers and their supporters. Their dedication and perseverance exemplify the spirit of our school community, and we remain hopeful for a successful outcome. Congratulations on your remarkable achievements thus far. Results on page 8.

CROSS COUNTRY – Were very proud of Maggie and Archer for their efforts at the regional cross country earlier this week. To progress through to a regional final is an amazing achievement. Well done!

RETIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Deb Lambourn on her retirement after an illustrious career spanning 35 years in Victorian Education, with the majority of her tenure dedicated to Gordon Primary School. Deb's unwavering commitment and contributions have left an indelible mark on our educational landscape, embodying passion and dedication to the betterment of our communities. We express our deepest gratitude for her invaluable service and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK -This week, we commemorate National Reconciliation Week, a time of reflection and learning about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements as Australians. Across our school, students are engaging in discussions and activities aimed at fostering understanding and promoting reconciliation within our community. Let us seize this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to reconciliation, striving for unity and mutual respect. #NRW2024

HEALTH AND WELLBEING ADVISORY— With the resurgence of COVID cases, we urge vigilance and adherence to health protocols. Please notify the school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Additionally, we emphasize the importance of basic hygiene practices and appropriate attire to safeguard against illness, particularly as the weather turns colder. We appreciate your continued cooperation and communication regarding student absences.

VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN SEMINARS:

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) is pleased to offer informative seminars for parents and carers of high-ability children. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights and support for nurturing the potential of gifted students. For further details and registration, kindly refer to the VAGTC webpage.

EARLY STUDENT PICK-UP PROCEDURE -Parents requiring early pick-up of their children are encouraged to contact the school office in advance. By providing prior notice, arrangements can be made to ensure a smooth transition for the student and minimize disruption to the learning environment.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation in maintaining the health, safety, and educational welfare of our school community.

Russel Cowan

(Principal)

FUN OPEN -ENDED QUESTIONS FOR KIDS - and parents)

1. If you could invent a new toy, what would it do and what would you call it?
2. Imagine you're an explorer discovering a new island. What do you find there?
3. If you could talk to animals, which animal would you talk to first and what would you ask?
4. What would you do if you were the principal of your school for a day?
5. If you could build anything out of LEGO, what would you create and why?
6. Imagine you have a spaceship. Where would you go in the universe?

VALUES IN 2024 - Our school community will again embrace our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. The teachers will be nominating students for our values badge when they see a student demonstrating the school values. Students who receive five nominations for one value will receive a badge. Students who have all three badges will be working towards additional badges each year .



Our recipients this week are -

Respect	Teacher Chair	Hayden Conlan
Responsibility	Hot Chocolate	Romee Knox
Responsibility	Arlo time	Mila
Responsibility	Principal	Hamish Rewuk



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to acknowledge students celebrating their birthdays. We will place your birthday bookmark in your teachers' pigeon hole.

Happy Birthday to Hamish Rewuk, Hugo Newsome, Elise Burfoot-Lucas, Alina Fest, Wynter Trewin, Rhen Barber, William Barnes, Eamon Rafferty, Jay Clark, Keira McLean, Blair Donaghy and Wolfgang Brunk



3rd June

Earth Ed Grades 3 & 4

Connected Parenting Webinar

7th June

Pupil Free Day

9th June

Kings Birthday

14th June

Assembly

24th June

State School Spectacular Rehearsal

28th June

Last day of Term 2 **2.30 finish**

15th July

First day of Term 3

23rd August

Staff Professional Practice Day—pupil free

17th September

School Production

4th November

Pupil Free Day

AFL Winter Sports:

Defeated Pleasant Street PS in the Grand Final!

Final scores were: Gordon PS: 3.6.24 Pleasant Street PS: 2.7.19

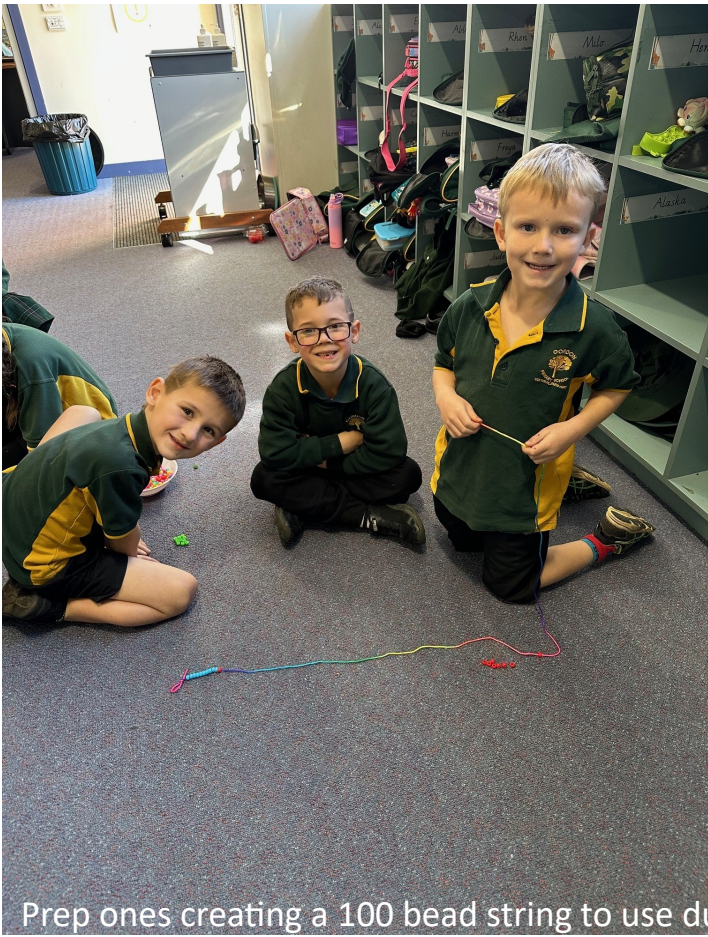


Soccer Winter Sports:

Played 3 games with 1 win and 2 draws.

Round 1: Yuille Park 2-0 Round 2: Lucas PS 0-0 Round 3: Dana St PS: 0-0

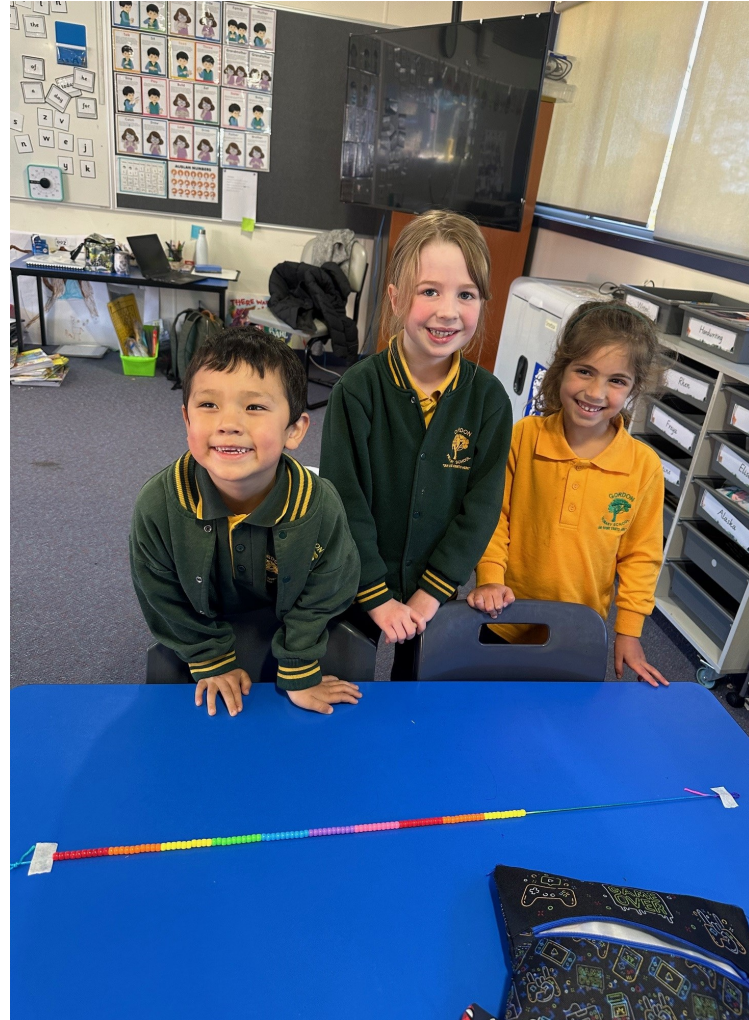




Prep ones creating a 100 bead string to use during Maths.

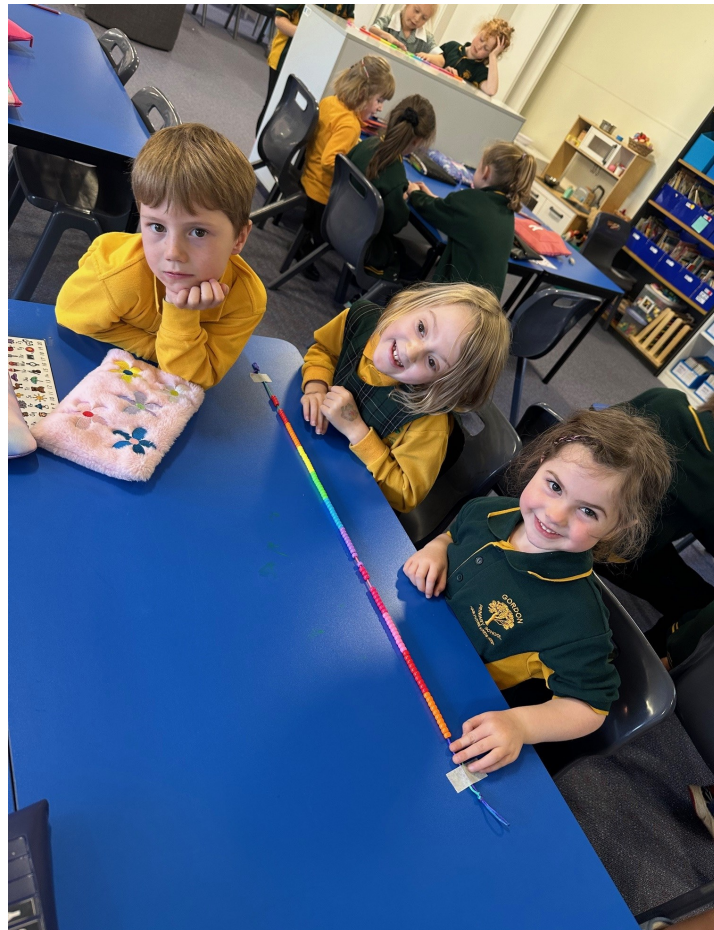


Adam, Jude, Elliot, Evie, Sophie, Fredrik, Lexi Clem, Merryn, Alexander, Elise and Scarlett





Romee, Freya, Audrey, Alfie, Rhen, Seth, Hayden, Clem and Zoe





Congratulations to our Netball team who played extremely well today.

- Results were:**
- Gordon versus Yuille PS 12—0 win**
 - Gordon versus Lucas PS 5— 2 win**
 - Gordon versus Caledonian PS 2—1 win**
 - Gordon versus Haddon PS 8—4 win**
- GRAND FINAL**
- Gordon versus Newington PS 6—2 loss**

**IT'S NORMAL TO
LEAVE THINGS
FOR OTHERS TO
SOLVE**



BUT

**LEADERS STEP
FORWARD AND
WANT TO BE
INVOLVED.**



GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY



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**STEPPING
FORWARD**

**is not about
me, it's about
making the
school**

**THE BEST
it can be**

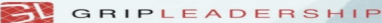


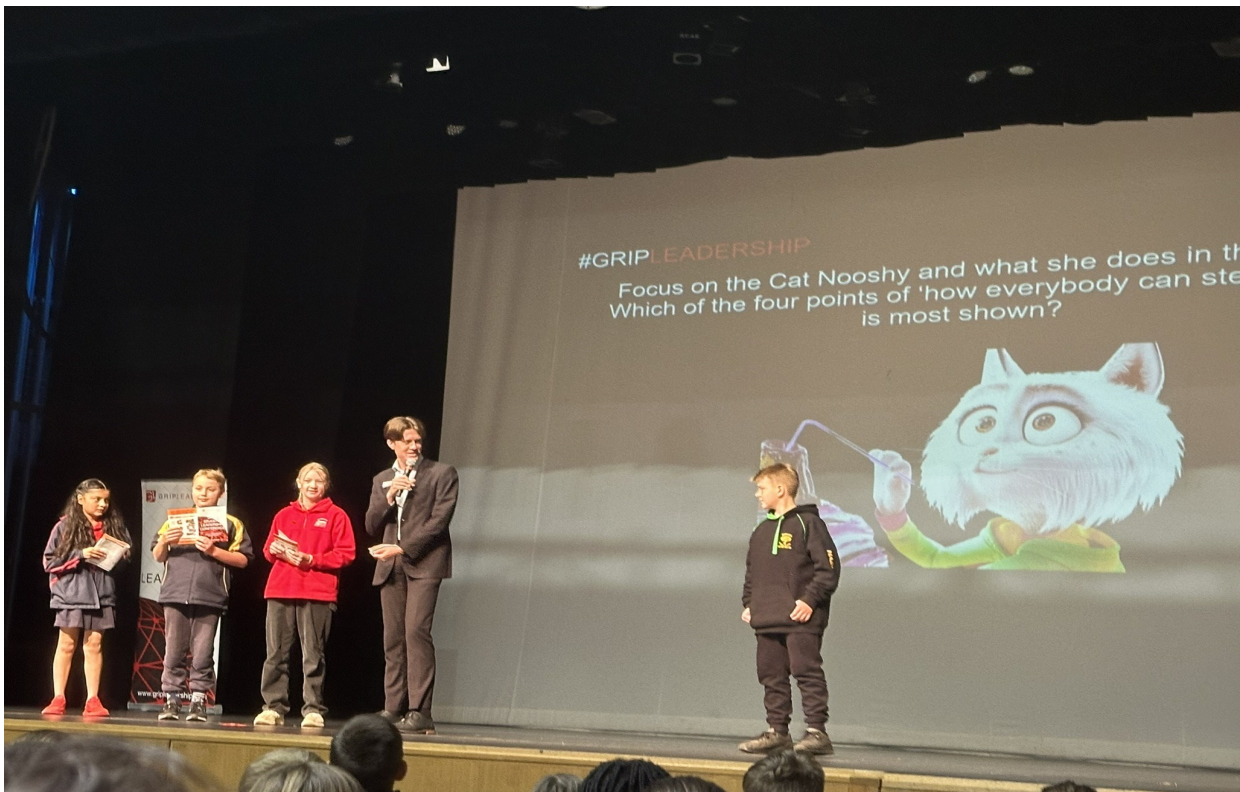
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STEP IN AND HELP WHEN I SPOT A NEED

STEP OUT AND TRY SOMETHING NEW

STEP CLOSER AND BEFRIEND OTHERS

 GRIPLEADERSHIP



STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster

The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the vaccine clinic finder.

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to: · Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet · Getting vaccinated against influenza.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF) CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and/or sporting activities.

CENTREPAY - If you receive a regular payment from the government e.g. health care card, pension card, sole parent, foster parent or Veterans Affairs Gold Card. you are eligible to set up a fortnightly deduction to go towards your child/rens school costs – booklist, excursions and camps. **There is no charge to you for using Centrepay.**

How Deductions are set up - A Customer can set up a Deduction in a number of ways:

Via their Centrelink online account, via MyGov, using the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app or by contacting the Agency. **The minimum Deduction amount for Centrepay is \$10.**

Please quote: 555134861B **Business Name:** GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please 'Go to servicessaustralia.gov.au/centrepay for more information' or Freecall **1800 044 063**

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY - The Child Care Subsidy helps eligible families with the cost of outside school hours care, vacation care and registered care.

<https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family helps disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves. For further information please go to: <http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/what-we-do/our-work/at-school>

Some families choose to make a regular direct debit to their school account which soon adds up and is used for anything school related as directed by you.

Please reach out to the school if you are in need of assistance. All requests are strictly confidential.

New location for the Ballarat Carer Group.

Kinship Carer Support Groups

All Carers are welcome to come and have a chat in a safe and supportive environment.

Daylesford - Thursday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Address will be advised after registration
- 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 31 October and 28 November

Ararat - Tuesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Ararat Hotel, 130 Barkly Street, Ararat
- 6 May, 11 June, 6 August, 3 September, 8 October and 12 November

Bacchus Marsh - Monday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Baby Black Cafe, 10 Church St, Bacchus Marsh
- 20 May, 17 June, 29 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 October and 18 November

Ballarat - Wednesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- NEW LOCATION - Drive Cafe, 227 Grant Street, Golden Point
- 15 May, 26 June, 24 July, 14 August, 11 September, 23 October and 20 November



To register or enquire about any of Cafs Kinship Carer Support

Groups please contact:

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